

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1377

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS; AND PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ENCUMBRANCES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Public Defense Commission the following amounts to be expended according to the designated expense classes from the General Fund for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

FOR:

Personnel Costs	\$719,400
Operating Expenditures	259,600
Trustee and Benefit Payments	<u>10,295,900</u>
TOTAL	\$11,274,900

SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Public Defense Commission is authorized no more than seven (7.00) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 3. ALLOCATION OF TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS. Of the amount appropriated as trustee and benefit payments in Section 1 of this act, no more than \$10,162,600 shall be expended for financial assistance to counties pursuant to Sections 19-862A and 19-851(8), Idaho Code, and/or to incentivize the establishment of joint public defender offices pursuant to Section 19-862A(3), Idaho Code; and no more than \$133,300 shall be expended for extraordinary litigation costs pursuant to Section 19-850(2)(e), Idaho Code. Any remaining unexpended amounts not so used shall revert to the General Fund.

SECTION 4. ENCUMBRANCES. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Public Defense Commission shall not transfer or encumber amounts appropriated as trustee and benefit payments in Section 1 of this act.